DRINKING WATER QUALITY TESTING

Homeowners on a public drinking water system, such as Artesian Water Company, do not need to have their water tested as the public drinking water system is regulated by the Division of Public Health. The drinking water is tested on a schedule in accordance with Delaware's Drinking Water Regulations for regulated contaminants, including tetrachloroethene (PCE). Artesian Water Company tests quarterly for PCE. Artesian also monitors its drinking water for PCE before and after filtration to ensure the filters are performing properly.

Homeowners that utilize a private well for drinking water AND live outside the 0.5 mile radius on the map below: If you are concerned about your well water quality, you may have your private drinking water well tested at your own cost for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by EPA Drinking Water Method 524. 2 or EPA Method 8260 for VOCs. Both methods include PCE. Please contact Eurofins QC, a private EPA-certified drinking water laboratory in Pennsylvania at:

Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories 2425 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 717-656-2300 (press 0 for the operator)



Please note that the laboratory analysis performed by Eurofins is not specific to just one compound, but to a class of compounds called volatile organic compounds or VOCs. However, PCE will be listed as one of the compounds. If the results are above the drinking water standards, please contact Robert Asreen as outlined below.

For additional questions regarding sampling your private drinking water well, please visit the following links to EPA's and the Delaware Department of Public Health's websites, which provide helpful information for homeowners to properly care for their private wells and protect their health:

https://www.epa.gov/privatewells and http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/privdw.html

Homeowners that utilize a private well for drinking water AND live within the blue circular outline on the map above (0.5 mile radius):

Please contact Robert Asreen with DNREC to have your private drinking water tested for PCE at:

Robert Asreen

DNREC Hockessin Groundwater Site Project Manager DNREC Site Investigation and Restoration Section 302-395-2600 or by email: Robert.Asreen@state.de.us

More information can be found at: <u>Hockessin Groundwater Site Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u>